

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought additional financial assistance under calamity relief fund due to loss of crops owing to hail-storm during the recent off season rains in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the estimated loss of crops and the districts affected therefrom; and
- (c) the amount of additional assistance sanctioned by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The Government of Karnataka had submitted a Memorandum seeking assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of hailstorm of January, 2002. The State Government informed that the hailstorm affected 7 districts, viz. Bidar, Bijapur, Chitradurga, Gulbarga, Koppal, Raichur and Tumkur, causing damage to cropped area in about 0.32 lakh ha. The entire Central share of Rs.58.72 crore under Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) for 2001-02 was released to the State for undertaking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including hailstorm. In response to the Memorandum submitted by the State Government, an Inter- Ministerial Central Team visited the State recently for assessment of the situation. The question of assistance from the National Fund is under process.